

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A mask assembly comprising:

a color selection mask including an aperture region provided with a plurality of

5 holes through which electron beams pass; and

a mask frame for supporting said color selection mask and applying tension to
said color selection mask in a first direction, wherein

said aperture region has a bridge region at an end thereof in said first direction
and a slit region adjacent to said bridge region at least in said first direction,

10 said slit region has a plurality of strips, each extending in said first direction,
arranged at a predetermined pitch in a second direction perpendicular to said first
direction and a plurality of slits, each being defined between adjacent two of said
plurality of strips, and

said bridge region, into which said plurality of strips extend, has bridges for
15 connecting adjacent two of said plurality of strips.

2. The mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein

said aperture region has a plurality of bridge regions aligned in said second
direction, and

20 at least one of said plurality of slits is interposed between adjacent two of said
plurality of bridge regions.

3. The mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein

adjacent two of said plurality of slits in at least part of said slit region have the
25 same length in said first direction.

4. The mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein adjacent two of said plurality of slits in at least part of said slit region have different lengths from each other in said first direction.

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5. The mask assembly according to claim 4, wherein said plurality of slits in said slit region include a first slit having a first length and a second slit having a second length shorter than said first length, said first slit and second slit are arranged alternately.

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6. The mask assembly according to claim 4, wherein said plurality of slits in said slit region monotonously vary in length in said first direction.

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7. The mask assembly according to claim 4, further comprising a vibration damper provided in contact with said color selection mask.

8. The mask assembly according to claim 7, wherein said vibration damper includes a damper line extending in said second direction to which tension is applied in said second direction, said damper line being in contact with some of said plurality of strips in said at least part of said slit region.

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9. The mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of strips in said slit region have projections projecting in said second direction.

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10. A cathode ray tube comprising:

an electron gun; and

a mask assembly for selecting electron beams emitted from said electron gun,

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said mask assembly includes:

a color selection mask having an aperture region provided with a plurality of holes through which said electron beams pass; and

10 a mask frame for supporting said color selection mask and applying tension to said color selection mask in a first direction,

said aperture region has a bridge region at an end thereof in said first direction and a slit region adjacent to said bridge region at least in said first direction,

15 said slit region has a plurality of strips, each extending in said first direction, arranged at a predetermined pitch in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and a plurality of slits, each being defined between adjacent two of said plurality of strips, and

said bridge region, into which said plurality of strips extend, has bridges for connecting adjacent two of said plurality of strips.